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SUBJECT: SAHEL TRUST FUND - SHORT TERM CROP PROTECTION

NOUAKCHOTT FOR KELLY; ROME FOR SKILES

1. POLARIS OF OSRO IS PUSHING FOR OUTSTANDING OR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AGAINST A STATED MINIMUM 4.5 MILLION DOLLAR REQUIREMENT FOR SHORT-TERM SAHEL CROP PROTECTION.

LATEST READING TO DATE FROM POLARIS (VIA TELCON) INDICATES

OSRO HAS 3.9 MILLION AVAILABLE THIS PURPOSE, AS FOLLOWS:

SPECIFIC, EARMARKED COMMITMENTS FROM USG (.5 MILLION),

UK (.3 MILLION), SWEDEN (.25 MILLION), HOLLAND (.4 MIL-

LION), NORWAY (.2 MILLION) FOR TOTAL OF 1.65 MILLION

DOLLARS. REMAINDER OF 2.25 MILLION DOLLARS BEING TAKEN

FROM PREVIOUS, UNCOMMITTED DONATIONS.

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2. POLARIS CONTACTING CANADIANS JUST THIS WEEK FOR SPECIFIC DONATION THIS PURPOSE. HOWEVER, CANADIAN FISCAL YEAR BEGINS APRIL 1, AND LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION PROCEDURES PRESENT PROBLEMS THEIR MAKING FIRM COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME ALTHOUGH CANADIANS INDICATE THEY PROBABLY CAN ASSIST IN TWO-THREE MONTHS' TIME. WE SHOULD KNOW CANADIAN DECISION IN ABOUT A WEEK.

3. NOTWITHSTANDING OUR PREVIOUS ACTION MEMORANDUM INDICATION TO AA/AFR THAT USG WOULD CONSIDER ADDITIONAL

FUNDING, THIS WAS ON UNDERSTANDING THAT OSRO WAS IN POSSESSION OF FIRM COMMITMENT FOR 3 MILLION DOLLARS FROM OTHER DONORS WHICH NOW APPEARS ERRONEOUS. AID/W CONCERNED WITH ORIGIN OF 2.25 MILLION DOLLARS UNCOMMITTED DONATIONS WHICH OSRO PLANNING TO USE THIS PURPOSE. OF 3,292,000 DOLLARS PROVIDED BY USG TO OSRO (DISCOUNTING LATEST 500,000 FOR CROP PROTECTION), 547,000 DOLLARS REMAINS QUOTE UNCOMMITTED UNQUOTE AS FOLLOWS: 200,000 DOLLARS FROM TRUCK PURCHASE CONTRIBUTION; 300,000 FROM TRANSPORT CONTRIBUTION; AND 47,000 DOLLARS MISCELLANEOUS.

4. REQUEST YOU DISCUSS THESE ISSUES DURING YOUR ROME DISCUSSIONS AND SOLICIT OSRO INTENTIONS FOR UTILIZATION REMAINING USG DONATIONS. POSSIBILITY EXISTS USG MAY UNKNOWINGLY BE FURNISHING DE FACTO FUNDS IN EXCESS OF OUR INTENDED COMMITMENTS THIS PURPOSE AND IN CONTRAVENTION OUR QUOTE UNDERSTANDINGS UNQUOTE. REQUEST YOU AGAIN SEEK DETAILED REPORT ON ALL OSRO REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.

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